GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

Home Department - Cinemas – Constitution of Committee to study and recommend the classification of cinema theatres and rates of admission into various classes of cinema theatres in the State – Orders – Issued.

HOME (GENERAL.A) DEPARTMENT

G.O.MS.No. 44 **Dated: 24-03-2017**
Read the following:-

1. G.O. Ms.No.100, Home (General. A) Department, dated 26.04.2013.
2. Hon'ble High Court orders in W.P. No. 18779/2014 and batch, dated 31.10.2016 and also orders in W.P. No.14170 of 2014, dated 02.12.2016.

ORDER:

In the reference 1st read above, Government have issued orders for reclassification of cinema theatres and enhancement of rates of admission and stipulated certain conditions for theatres/multiplexes for issue/renewal of licenses.

2. The Hon'ble High Court in its Common Order dated 31.10.2016 in W.P. Nos. 18779, 1904, 24651, 24739 of 2014 and also 14170 of 2014 and other batch cases have quashed G.O.Ms.No.100, Home (General.A) Department, dated 26.04.2013 on the ground that the impugned orders are discriminatory in nature and the rates fixed by the Government in the areas classified in the said orders cause hindrance and loss to the exhibitors. The Hon'ble High Court accordingly passed the Common Orders with the following directions to the Government:

i) G.O. Ms.No.100, Home (General. A) Department, dated 26.04.2013 ***is set aside.***

ii) Both the Governments (AP & Telangana) are directed to constitute their respective committees headed by the respective Principal Secretaries for Home. In so far as the other members of the committees are concerned, **it is left open to the respective Principal Secretaries for Home to choose the exhibitors, distributors and other members to participate in the committee** so as to adjudicate the issues involved in all the writ petitions.

iii) While taking a decision, the Committees are directed to consider the welfare of the cine-goers primarily and also the grievance of the exhibitors and distributors and frame the rules in accordance with law **on or before 30.03.2017;**

iv) If any decisions are taken and any G.O., is issued prior to 30.03.2017, the same shall become operative in nature.

v) The petitioners-theatres are permitted to run their respective theatres by collecting their proposed fares. However, it is made clear that the petitioners shall inform to the Authorities concerned as to the tickets rates, which they intend to collect in respect of all classes till adjudication of the issue in question by the respective committees.

vi) In some of the writ petitions, this Court issued interim orders permitting the petitioners therein, to collect the rates as proposed in their applications and to maintain separate account with regard

to the difference amount in the rates collected by them. Those interim orders passed by this Court earlier in some of the writ petitions shall stand superseded. However, the authorities concerned are directed to take a decision with regard to the difference amounts maintained separately by the petitioners pursuant to the interim orders of this Court;

vii) It is made clear that the petitioners in the writ petitions, in which there are no such earlier interim orders, shall approach the authorities concerned and inform them as to the rates of the tickets, which they intend to collect.

viii) All the petitioners are directed to pay the taxes proportionate to the proposed rates of the tickets.

3. In pursuance of the orders of Hon'ble High Court in the reference third read above, Government hereby constitute the following Committee with the following Members:-

1. Chief Secretary to Government	Chairman
2. Principal Secretary to Govt. (Revenue-CT)	Member
3. Principal Secretary to Govt. (MA&UD)	Member
4. Principal Secretary to Govt. (Finance)	Member
5. Commissioner & Ex-Officio Secretary (I&PR)	Member
6. Principal Secretary to Govt. (IT)	Member
7. Sri Daggubati Suresh Babu, Exhibitor & Distributor, Suresh Productions	Member
8. Sri C. Kalyan, President, Telugu Film Chamber of Commerce	Member
9. Principal Secretary to Govt. (Home)	Member-Convenor

4. The Principal Secretary, Home and Convenor of the Committee shall take further necessary action in convening the committee meeting at the earliest to finalize the issue in accordance with High Court orders.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

A.R. ANURADHA
PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To
The Chief Secretary to Government, Govt. of Andhra Pradesh.
Principal Secretary to Govt. (Home)
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Suresh Productions.
Sri C. Kalyan, President, Telugu Film Chamber of Commerce.
Copy to:
The PS to Special Chief Secretary to CM.
The Managing Director, AP Film Television and Theatre Development Corporation Limited, Andhra Ratna Rao, Gandhi Nagar, Vijayawada.
The President, Cine Prekhsaka Viniyogadarula Sangam, Prasad Enclave, B.00-2, Barkathpura, Hyderabad.

//FORWARDED : : BY ORDER//

SECTION OFFICER